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(U) Post received the following Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs agreeing to support the U.S. candidate at the IMO. Full text follows.

BEGIN TEXT:

Budapest 30 September 2009

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Budapest and with reference to the Note Verbale No. 2009-221 of the Embassy dated 22 September 2009 has the honour to communicate the following:

The Government of the Republic of Hungary welcomes the decision of the Government of the United States of America to present its candidate for re-election in category A to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the elections to be held during the 26th session of the IMO Assembly from 23 November to 4 December 2009 in London.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary takes this opportunity to inform the Embassy of the United States of America in Budapest that the Government of the Republic of Hungary has decided to support the candidature of the United States of America in category A to the Council of the International Maritime Organization.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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